

Approved May 18, 2017

**Town Meeting Coordinating Committee
Minutes for April 21, 2017, 12:00 – 2 pm
Bangs Center, Garrabrants Room**

Present: Peggy Roberts, Mary Streeter (by telephone), Alan Powell, Barbara Ford, Jacqueline Maidana, Chris Riddle, Patricia Holland

Peggy Roberts called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM.

1. **Public Comment:** None
2. **Subcommittee Work:** Chris reported that the TMCC/SPP will invite the Town Manager and a member of the Select Board to their meeting after TM is finished to discuss the possibility of submitting the TM warrant to the Select Board 60 days before TM begins. Peggy noted the earlier deadline would affect the work of many other town committees. Mary suggested finding out what Arlington's policy on deadlines is. Peggy asked if holding three town meetings per year would be feasible—the Select Board would have to decide this. Alan suggested we invite Paul Bockelman to our committee after TM is finished. Mary suggested we express TMCC's support of the moderator's suggestion on the schedule for the upcoming TM to the Select Board by Monday; Barbara agreed to draft the letter of support to Jim Pistrang and the Select Board. Peggy will review the draft. The SPP plans to work on creating a TM Advisory Committee to evaluate all TM articles for their impacts on the town beyond the financial impact. The SPP plans to hand out information about its work at the upcoming TM.
3. **Preparing for Annual Town Meeting:**
 - **Warrant Review Evaluation:** Reviewed at last week's meeting.
 - **Warrant Discussion Meetings:** Two meetings have been held. The North Amherst meeting has many present, the second one fewer. There was much discussion about the Jones Library article.
 - **Bus Tour:** The route map is up-to date. Doug Slaughter will take part, David Ziomek will try to be there, and Paul Bockelman will welcome people.
 - **Orientation for New Town Meeting Members:** The April 26th TM orientation is all set.
4. **Website and Listserv:** Mary reported she is still working with Town Hall on creating a way residents can contact their precinct representatives without revealing the TM representatives email address. We reviewed the current draft of the form.
5. **Scheduling of Meetings:** The next meeting will be Friday, May 26th at 2 PM.
6. **Topics Not Anticipated 48 Hours Before Meeting:** None.
7. **Minutes:** We approved the minutes of April 14, 2017, as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM.

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Draft Minutes of April 14, 2017

List of 2017 TM articles

TMCC 2017 Bus Tour Map